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MONTHLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER REPORT

This report is based on information received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from a representative number of meat-packing establishments. It indicates the average live weight per animal, average yields of dressed carcasses, the average cost per 100 pounds of live weight for cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep and lambs slaughtered during December 1942. Comparable data are included for previous months. The report also shows the percentage of purchases at public stockyards and direct purchases from producers, the classification of animals purchased, and records of monthly slaughter under Federal inspection.

WEIGHT, YIELD, AND COST OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED

Class of Livestock	Unit	December 1941	November 1942	December 1942
<u>Average live weight of animals</u>				
Cattle	Pounds	975.53	932.44	956.02
Steers ^{1/}	"	1,021.47	982.86	990.99
Calves	"	195.96	229.65	206.39
Hogs	"	239.18	244.61	248.72
Sheep and lambs	"	90.59	87.34	90.61
<u>Average yield</u>				
Cattle	Percent	54.12	51.49	52.91
Calves	"	54.97	55.00	54.41
Hogs	"	75.77	75.19	74.39
Sheep and lambs	"	46.43	44.76	44.84
<u>Average cost per 100 pounds</u>				
Cattle	Dollars	9.72	10.84	11.42
Steers ^{1/}	"	11.82	13.73	13.87
Calves	"	10.38	11.66	11.97
Hogs	"	10.55	13.66	13.86
Sheep and lambs	"	10.93	11.64	12.61

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
December 1942 and 1941
(Reported by Bureau of Animal Industry USDA)

Class of Livestock	Total slaughtered during December 1942	1941	Carcasses condemned during December 1942	1941
Cattle	982,403	1,004,418	5,896	6,563
Calves	475,671	456,773	2,439	2,348
Hogs	6,777,890	5,766,664	13,728	13,022
Sheep and lambs	2,174,601	1,570,556	11,631	5,741

^{1/} Steers also included in "Cattle" data.

See next page for slaughter records.

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SOURCES OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

Sources of supply	Unit	December 1941	November 1942	December 1942
<u>Cattle</u>				
Stockyards	Percent	74.66	77.00	77.08
Other	"	25.34	23.00	22.92
<u>Calves</u>				
Stockyards	"	59.78	67.41	62.94
Other	"	40.22	32.59	37.06
<u>Hogs</u>				
Stockyards	"	41.53	45.74	41.97
Other	"	58.47	54.26	58.03
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Stockyards	"	57.47	59.51	59.55
Other	"	42.53	40.49	40.45

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED

<u>Cattle</u>				
Steers	Percent	47.05	34.62	41.38
Cows and heifers	"	49.57	61.70	55.34
Bulls and stags	"	3.38	3.68	3.28
<u>Hogs</u>				
Sows	"	46.66	46.32	46.75
Barrows	"	52.81	53.04	52.32
Boars and stags	"	0.53	0.64	0.93
<u>Sheep and lambs</u>				
Sheep	"	6.77	20.24	18.88
Lambs and yearlings	"	93.23	79.76	81.12

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